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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON EC STUDY GROUP ON SOVIET/EE  
ATTITUDES TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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1. FRG FONOFF REP, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF THE EC STUDY GROUP ON SOVIET/EE ATTITUDES TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION SET UP IN JANUARY BY THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS (REFTEL), BRIEFED US RECENTLY ON CURRENT STATUS OF GROUP'S WORK.
2. FONOFF REP SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TOTAL OF FOUR MEETINGS OF THE GROUP, THE LAST ON MAY 7 IN BONN. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN OPEN-ENDED AND ENTIRELY SPECULATIVE AND HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN A LOOSE FRAMEWORK. THE GROUP HAS BEGUN TO FOCUS MORE NARROWLY ON THE PROSPECTIVE SOVIET/EE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EC IN THE POST-CSCE PERIOD.
3. THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS SO FAR, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, HAVE BEEN QUITE NEBULOUS, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE EC'S OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN THE ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND POLITICAL INTEGRATION FIELDS. HE SAID THE FRG FONOFF INTENDED TO TRY TO PUSH AHEAD TO HAVE A PAPER APPROVED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND PRESENTED, IN AN ABBREVIATED VERSION, TO THE EC FONMINS THEREAFTER.. FONOFF REP WAS SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT THE STUDY GROUP COULD FINISH ITS WORK AND PRODUCE A REPORT BY THE END OF JUNE (I.E., THE END OF THE FRG'S TERM AS EC PRESIDENT.)
4. FONOFF REP SAID THAT, IN HIS VIEW (AND HE WOULD BE THE GERMAN DRAFTER OF THE PAPER), THE PRESSURE FOR URGENT ACTION IN THIS AREA HAD LESSENED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE PROJECT'S INCEPTION IN JANUARY: THE EC HAD HAD SOME ACTIVE DRIVE TO IT THEN, BUT NOW WAS ONLY CREAKING ALONG. THE IDEA OF A REPORT BEING NEEDED ON  
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THIS PARTICULAR TOPIC ANY TIME SOON THEREFORE SEEMED TO HIM REMOTE AT THIS JUNCTURE.  
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